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SUBJECT: TOGO-STRAUSS DISCUSSION OF NAKAGAWA VISIT

1. SUMMARY - STRAUSS TOLD TOGO HE WELCOMED NAKAGAWA VISIT
AND HOPED WE COULD SETTLE AGRICULTURAL ISSUES SO NECESSARY
FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF MTN, AND STATED WE DID NOT
INTEND TO MAKE VISIT POLITICAL FOOTBALL. END SUMMARY.

2. AT REQUEST OF AMBASSADOR TOGO, HE AND ECONOMIC MINISTER
FUKADA CALLED ON AMBASSADOR STRAUSS ACCOMPANIED BY WOLFF
AND BARREDA TO DISCUSS VISIT OF MINISTER NAKAGAWA.
AMBASSADOR STRAUSS SAID HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE
ARRIVAL OF NAKAGAWA, A MAN HE HAD FOUND TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE,
PRACTICAL, AND HELPFUL IN JANUARY DURING NEGOTIATION OF
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JOINT STATEMENT. HE HOPED THAT MINISTER NAKAGAWA WOULD
BRING ENOUGH SO WE COULD SETTLE THE BEEF, CITRUS, AND OTHER
PRODUCT ISSUES--ISSUES WHOSE IMPORTANCE WAS PERHAPS
PRIMARILY POLITICAL. FOR US THEY WERE CRITICAL TO
CALIFORNIA, ARIZONA, TEXAS, FLORIDA, AND MID-WEST, WHOSE
SUPPORT WE WOULD NEED TO GET MTN PACKAGE THROUGH CONGRESS.

3. AMBASSADOR STRAUSS ASKED AMBASSADOR TOGO TO CONVEY STRAUSS' ASSURANCES TO NAKAGAWA THAT HE DID NOT INTEND TO MAKE THE VISIT A POLITICAL FOOTBALL. IN PRIVATE STRAUSS WOULD HAVE TO TELL NAKAGAWA THE FACTS. BUT STRAUSS WOULD TRY TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE AND HELPFUL IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS, ALTHOUGH OF COURSE HE WOULD HAVE TO BE HONEST AND REFLECT WHAT HAD HAPPENED. HE HOPED HE COULD TELL THE PRESS THAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE.

4. STRAUSS WARNED TOGO THAT THE RECEPTION NAKAGAWA WOULD GET IN CONGRESS WOULD BE VERY DIFFERENT. IT WOULD BE TERRIBLE. THE MOOD THERE HAD DEFINITELY DETERIORATED.

5. IN CLOSING, STRAUSS POINTED OUT THE IMPORTANCE OF SETTLING BEEF, CITRUS, AND RELATED AGRICULTURAL ISSUES SO WE COULD GET ON TO MORE SUBSTANTIVE ECONOMIC ISSUES, SUCH AS JAPAN'S SURPLUS WHERE OUR VIEWS WERE VERY CLOSE. IF WE COULD GET AGRICULTURE BEHIND US, WE COULD SELL OUR SUCCESSES IN MANAGING OUR ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP AND IN RESOLVING OUR PROBLEMS. BUT WE NEED SOME TOOLS TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT. WOLFF ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IF WE AND JAPAN COULD CONCLUDE OUR AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS, ALL ATTENTION WOULD SHIFT TO THE EC'S POSITION IN THE MTN. WE WOULD HAVE RESOLVED THE LARGEST MTN DIFFERENCES WITH JAPAN.

6. TOGO SAID HE DID NOT THINK NAKAGAWA WOULD COME
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COMPLETELY EMPTY HANDED, AND ASSURED STRAUSS HE WOULD PASS HIS VIEWS ON TO NAKAGAWA. CHRISTOPHER

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